

Marias Fair Board Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2020

Marias Fair board met on February 5th, 2020 at the Shelby fire hall for their regular meeting, present at the meeting: Todd Howell (President) Lynda Fretheim (Vice President) Linnet Doane, Cody Ralph, Mark Cassel, Blaine Suta, Andy Van Haur, (Board members) Absent board members were Janet Hawks and Chris Vermulm. Ramona Kinyon (Marias Fair Manager) Don Hartwell (TCC) Kim Woodring (TCE) Adriane Good (PCE) Chad Scarborough (First Baptist Church) Maria Cates (Fiber Arts) Julia Arnold (Open Class) Tony Carlson (Indian Relay)

President Todd Howell called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M after reading the minutes Andy moved and Cody seconded to approve as read all voted Aye. Ramona gave the Treasurers report. Tony Carlson brought a proposal to bring Indian relay races to the Marias Fair Thursday July 16th he stated they usually bring in a big crowd not just locally but from outlying reservations. His proposal was \$25,000. They bring their own announcer, and figure they would get about 12 to 14 teams from Montana and possible Canada. They would have 2 to 3 heats. They would need \$5,000 for the professional services part and \$20,000. Is the purse money. Ramona stated that she would need tax information from all winners as any amount over \$600. Paid to one contested she would need to send them a 1099. Tony said they would get all the proper information before Ramona cut any winners checks. The race track will need the rails fixed and put all new fence in were Sam Nickol removed the old fence a few years back but never got the new Fence put up, Ramona and Todd will check with him and see if they can get the new materials from him to put up the fence. Tony was asked if they would still be able to run if it rained, he said yes. Also, the gate would need to be widened to the width of the track. Chad Scarborough brought up that Nolan Conway organizer for the Pikuni Youth summer Rodeo may be interested in holding a youth Rodeo Thursday before the Indian relay races. Tony stated this was a very good idea and a positive as it would bring out more spectators that would be coming to the rodeo and then stay for the relay races. Chad will contact Nolan. Linnet ask Tony if they take care of all the running of the event except prepping the track and issuing the checks, he said they do. Andy made a motion to have the Pikuni Youth Rodeo and Indian Relay Races Thursday July 16th there was one Nay vote from Lynda who felt there had been some issues in the past with the relay races. Motion passed.

Chad Scarborough gave a report on the 2019 Bible school rodeo they held at the fair said they had a good turn out and would like to hold their 2020 Bible school rodeo June 15th-17th at the Marias Fair grounds the fair board approved this. They will hold training the first two days with the rodeo being on June 17th. This is for youth 8-18 years of age.

Maria Duncan Cates would like to add the entry for Fiber Arts to the open class premium book, Julia Arnold stated that they can enter weaving items at this time it just goes under other like entries she said that it would not be a problem it could possibility be its own division felted items. Maria stated she would be willing to help with getting this added to the premium book. Julia brought up that there was some discussion last year on not printing a premium book out for the 2020 Marias Fair and doing the entries online through sending out emails and posting on Facebook. There was a lot of discussion on the pro and cons of not having the premium books printed. Ramona and Linnet voiced their opinion they would prefer we print them and put them in all the papers this will be voted on at the March meeting. Julia also stated she would be ordering participation ribbons that would be given out to anyone 6 and under that enters items in open class.

4-H reports: Adriane stated they would like to have the pony rides again down in the 4-H arena Saturday everyone agreed. They will be holding the freestyle show in the 4-H arena this year instead of the Rodeo arena. They would like to do the Tough Enough to wear pink entry Saturday night at the Rodeo. She asked if they would be able to use the rodeo arena Tuesday July 14th from 1:00-5:00 for their working ranch horse cattle events they would also be holding activities in the 4-H arena everyone agreed that this would be okay. Kim reported that 4-Hers have received a grant of \$500. to fix the dog arena. She also stated her, and Alice may do a Hatch project with 4-H youth but would not be hatch out any poultry this year. Ramona will work with Kim on wrist bands for 4-H and camping spots, as there were some issues with this in 2019.

Don reported from the museum board they would like to apply for a grant to fix the old school building Lorette Carter would fill out this grant it needs to be sent in by February 27th the stipulation of the grant would be that they would need to come up with 25% match and would like to know if the fair board would be willing to help with this. There was a lot of discussion and different opinions on this matter. Julia stated that Open class needs this building for their entries and they have the flowers and garden items down stairs where is cool without the use of this space she would need the entire Mercantile building plus would need to bring out some kind of cooling system for the flowers. This will be revisited at the March meeting.

Andy brought a proposal from the Martial Arts guy to bring fights to the 2020 Marias Fair it was decided to have the Indian relay races instead. Linnet stated that we will not be doing Mutton Busting this year during the PRCA rodeo but would instead bring back boot races with two groups 4 to 6 and 7 to 10 the winners would receive a belt buckle.

Ramona said she has had some calls from potential new sponsors and has had interest in vender spaces. The line up thus far for bands is Eryn Bent Thursday night and Plowed Under Friday Night. Lynda reported that Boone Country will not be able to come this year. Ramona is working on a different band and has not yet heard back from them for Saturday. Todd called to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M Linnet Moved and Lynda seconded to adjourn all voted aye. Meeting adjourned.

Ramona Kinyon

Marias Fair Manager